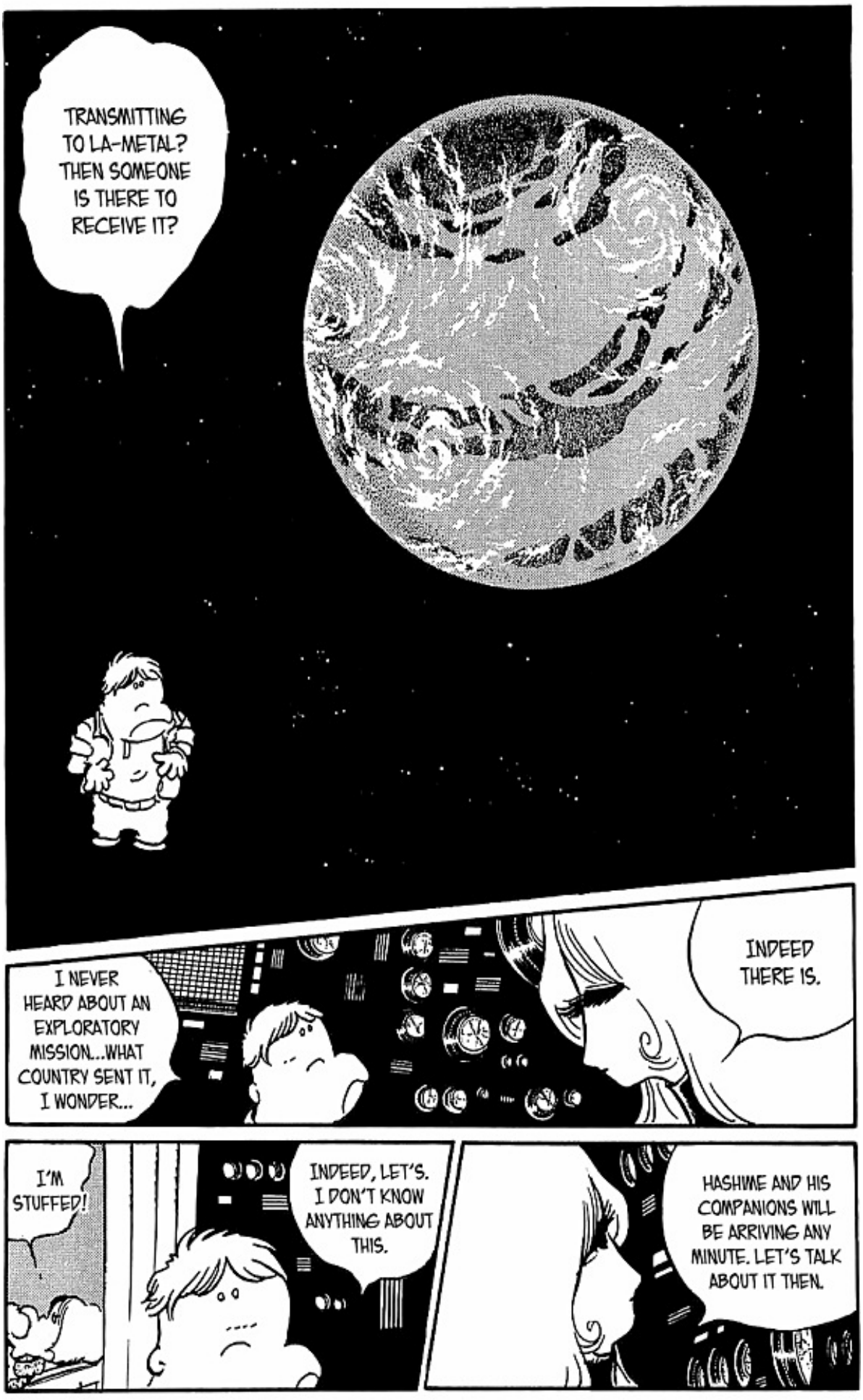
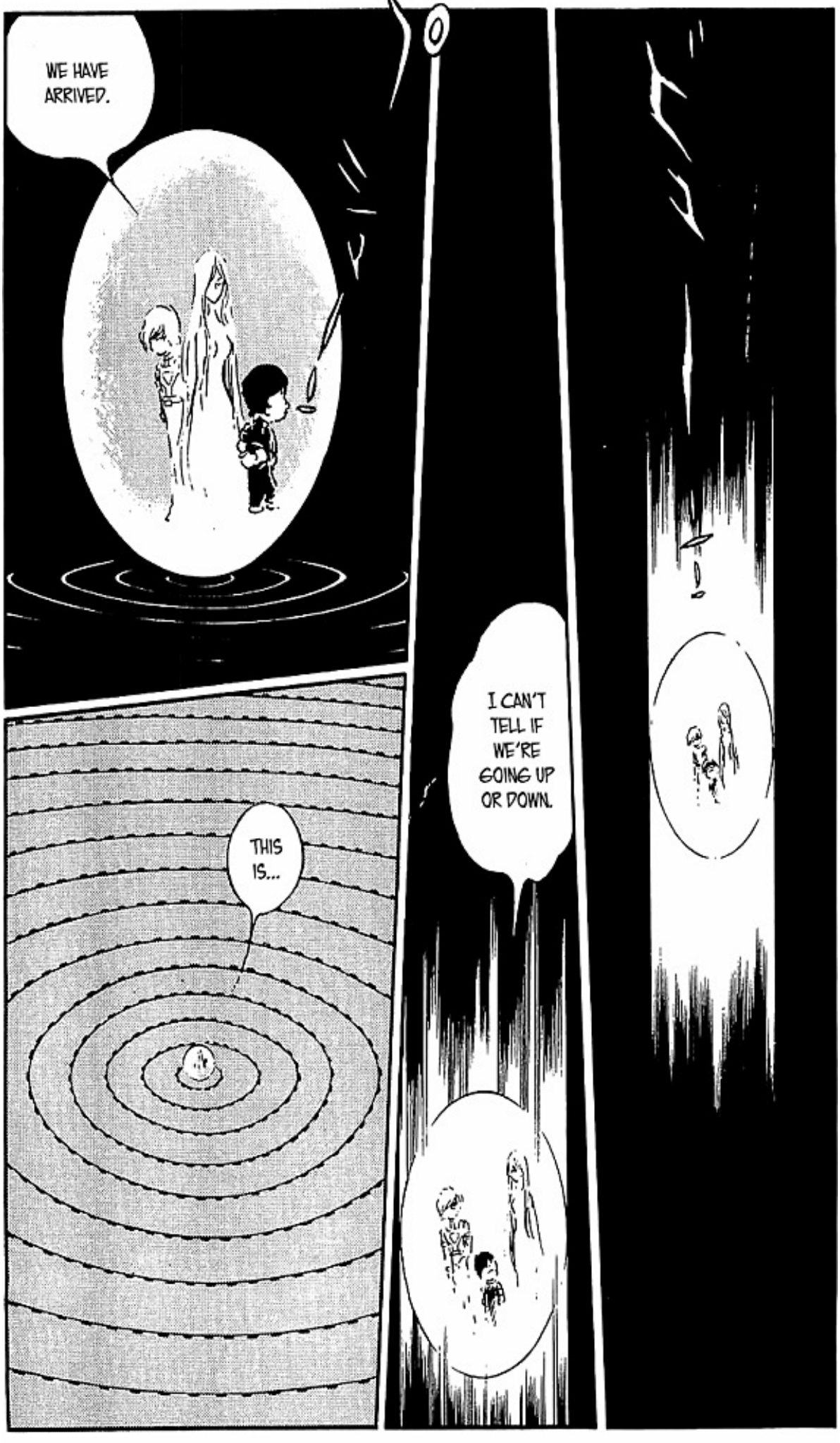
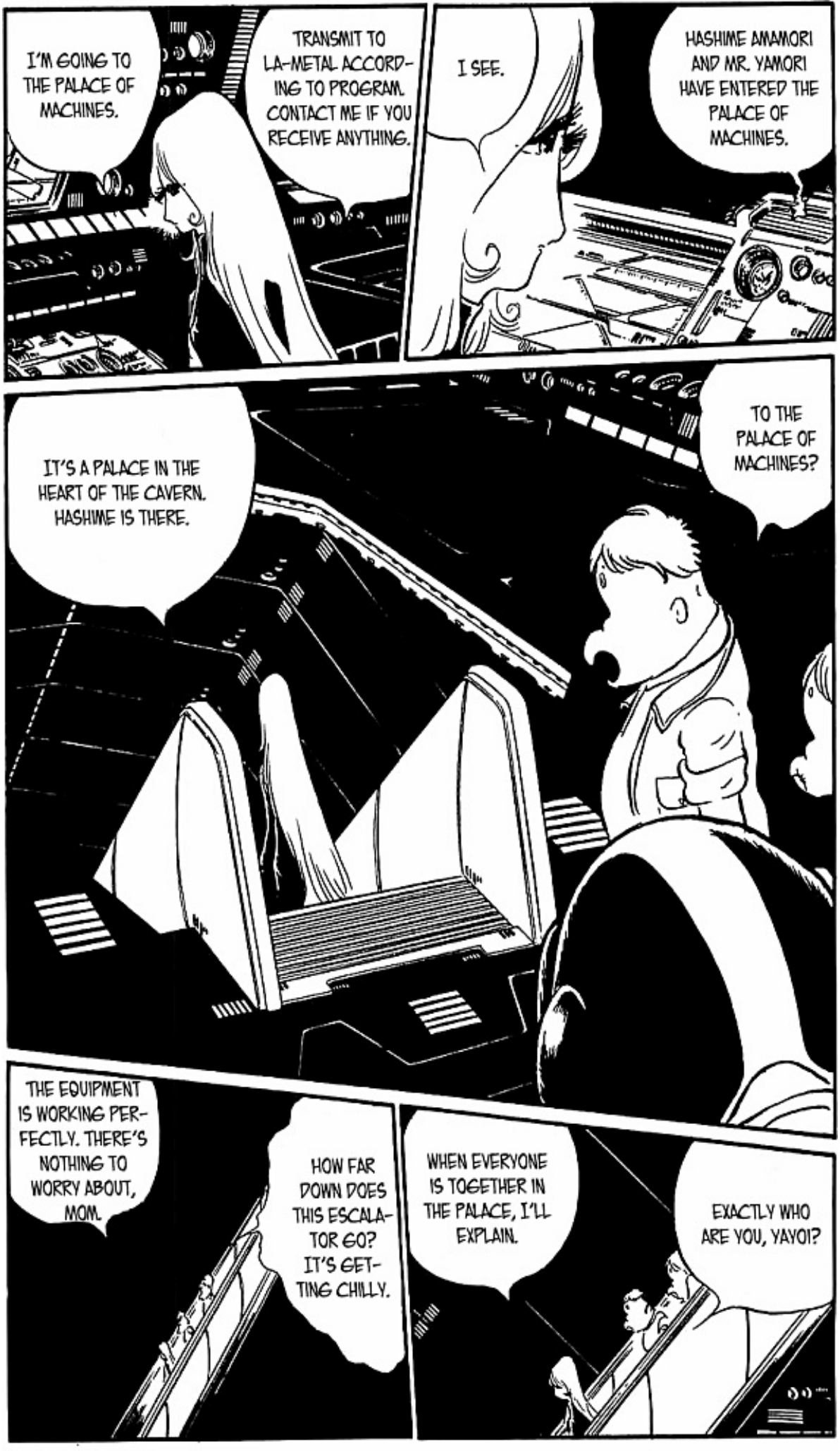
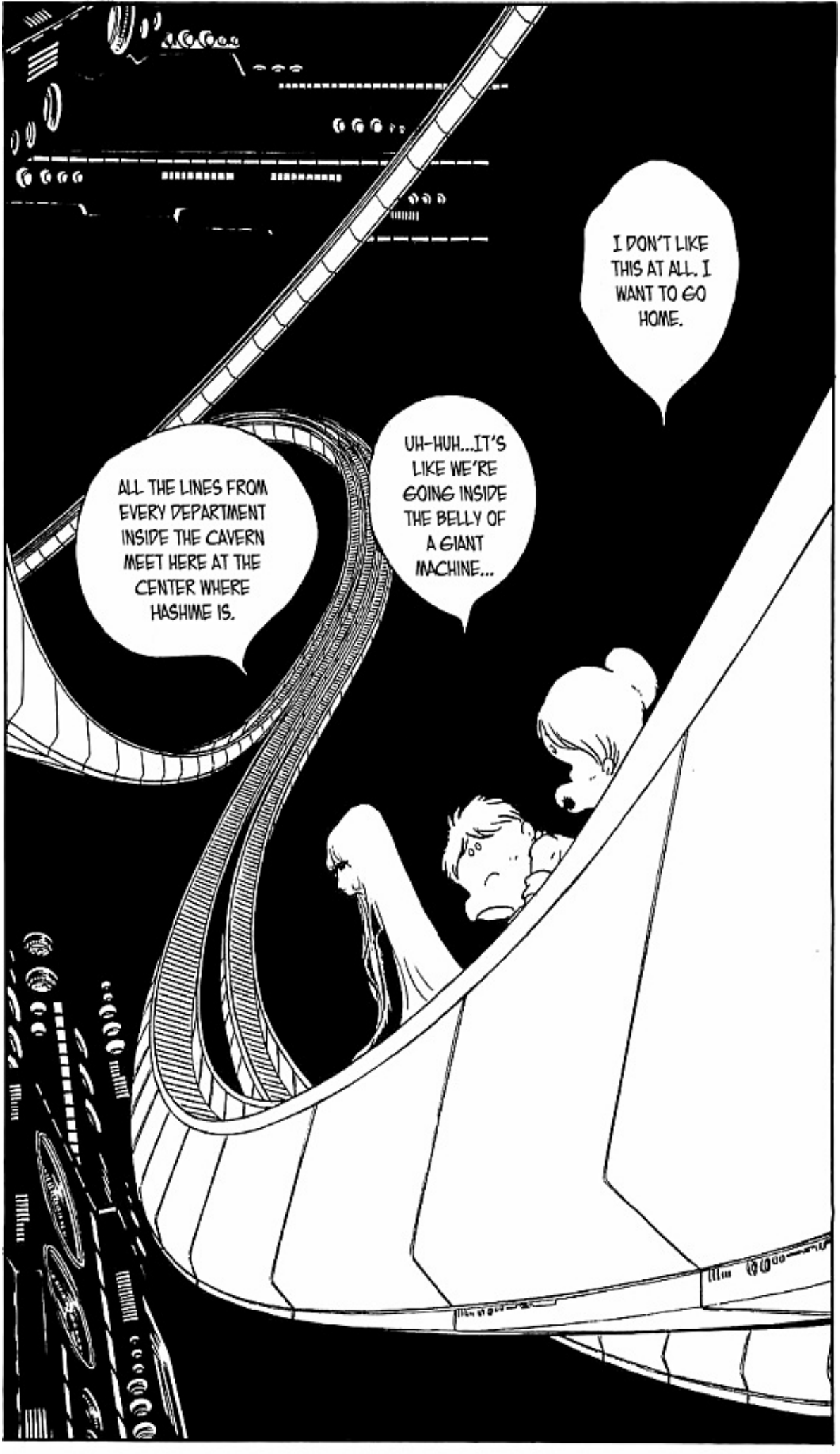
THEN CONCENTRATE ALL TRANSMISSION ENERGY ON THE ANTENNA AND OPEN ALL CHANNELS.
NOW CONNECTING TO THE ANTENNA.
EH!? THAT THOUSAND METER TOWER?
THE THOUSAND METER ANTENNA TOWER CONSTRUCTED FOR THE 1985 SCIENCE EXPO.
YES. EARTH HAS A FABULOUS ANTENNA.
TO AN ANTENNA, HUH.
THAT LA-METAL, PROFESSOR...
L- L- LA-METAL? THE ONE THAT'S APPROACHING US!?
PLANET LA-METAL...
I GET THE ANTENNA, BUT WHAT IS THE TARGET OF TRANSMISSION?

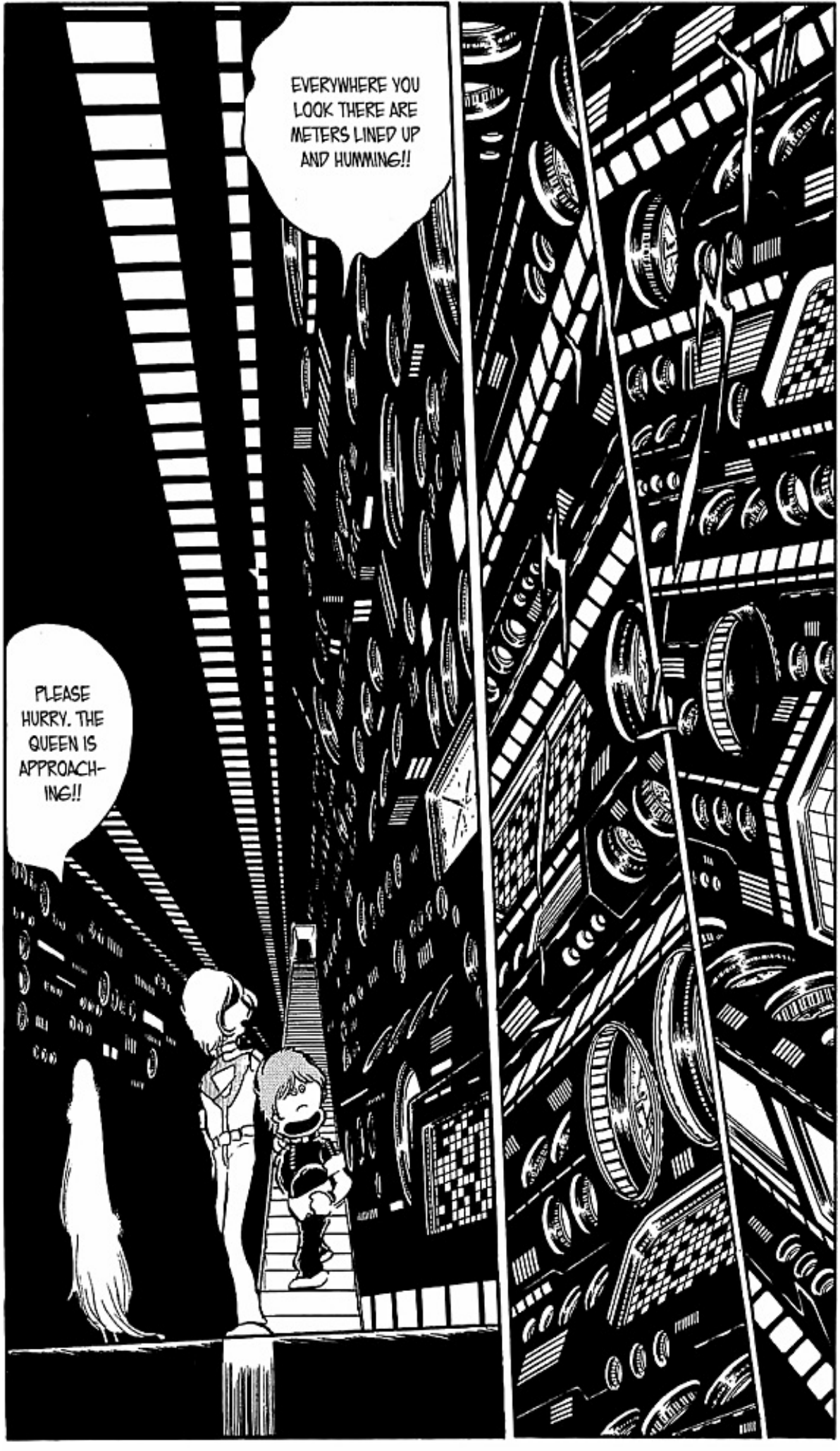

TRANSMITTING TO LA-METAL? THEN SOMEONE IS THERE TO RECEIVE IT?
I NEVER HEARD ABOUT AN EXPLORATORY MISSION...WHAT COUNTRY SENT IT, I WONDER...
INDEED THERE IS.
I'M STUFFED!
INDEED, LET'S. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.
HASHIME AND HIS COMPANIONS WILL BE ARRIVING ANY MINUTE. LET'S TALK ABOUT IT THEN.

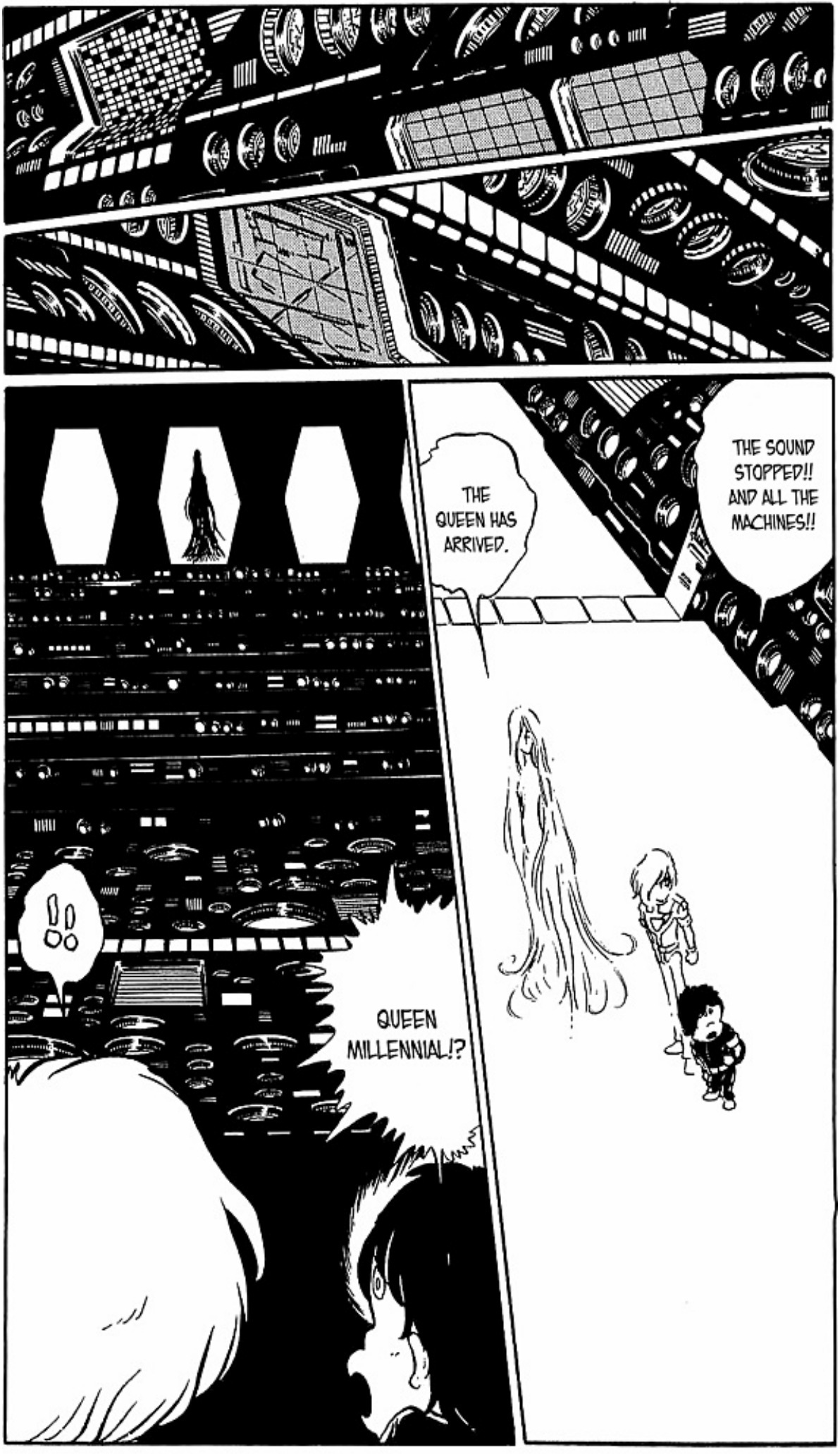

WE HAVE ARRIVED.
THIS IS...
I CAN'T TELL IF WE'RE GOING UP OR DOWN.

THIS IS THE HEART OF THE UNDERGROUND CAVERN. INSIDE THE PALACE OF MACHINES.
PALACE OF MACHINES?
THAT'S WEIRD. I THOUGHT I KNEW ABOUT ALL THE INSTALLATIONS IN THE CAVERN, BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THE PALACE OF MACHINES...


I'M GOING TO THE PALACE OF MACHINES.
TRANSMIT TO LA-METAL ACCORDING TO PROGRAM. CONTACT ME IF YOU RECEIVE ANYTHING.
I SEE.
HASHIME AMAMORI AND MR. YAMORI HAVE ENTERED THE PALACE OF MACHINES.
IT'S A PALACE IN THE HEART OF THE CAVERN. HASHIME IS THERE.
TO THE PALACE OF MACHINES?
THE EQUIPMENT IS WORKING PERFECTLY. THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, MOM.
HOW FAR DOWN DOES THIS ESCALATOR GO? IT'S GETTING CHILLY.
WHEN EVERYONE IS TOGETHER IN THE PALACE, I'LL EXPLAIN.
EXACTLY WHO ARE YOU, YAYOI?


I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL. I WANT TO GO HOME.
UH-HUH...IT'S LIKE WE'RE GOING INSIDE THE BELLY OF A GIANT MACHINE...
ALL THE LINES FROM EVERY DEPARTMENT INSIDE THE CAVERN MEET HERE AT THE CENTER WHERE HASHIME IS.


EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK THERE ARE METERS LINED UP AND HUMMING!!
PLEASE HURRY. THE QUEEN IS APPROACH-ING!!


THE QUEEN HAS ARRIVED.
THE SOUND STOPPED!! AND ALL THE MACHINES!!
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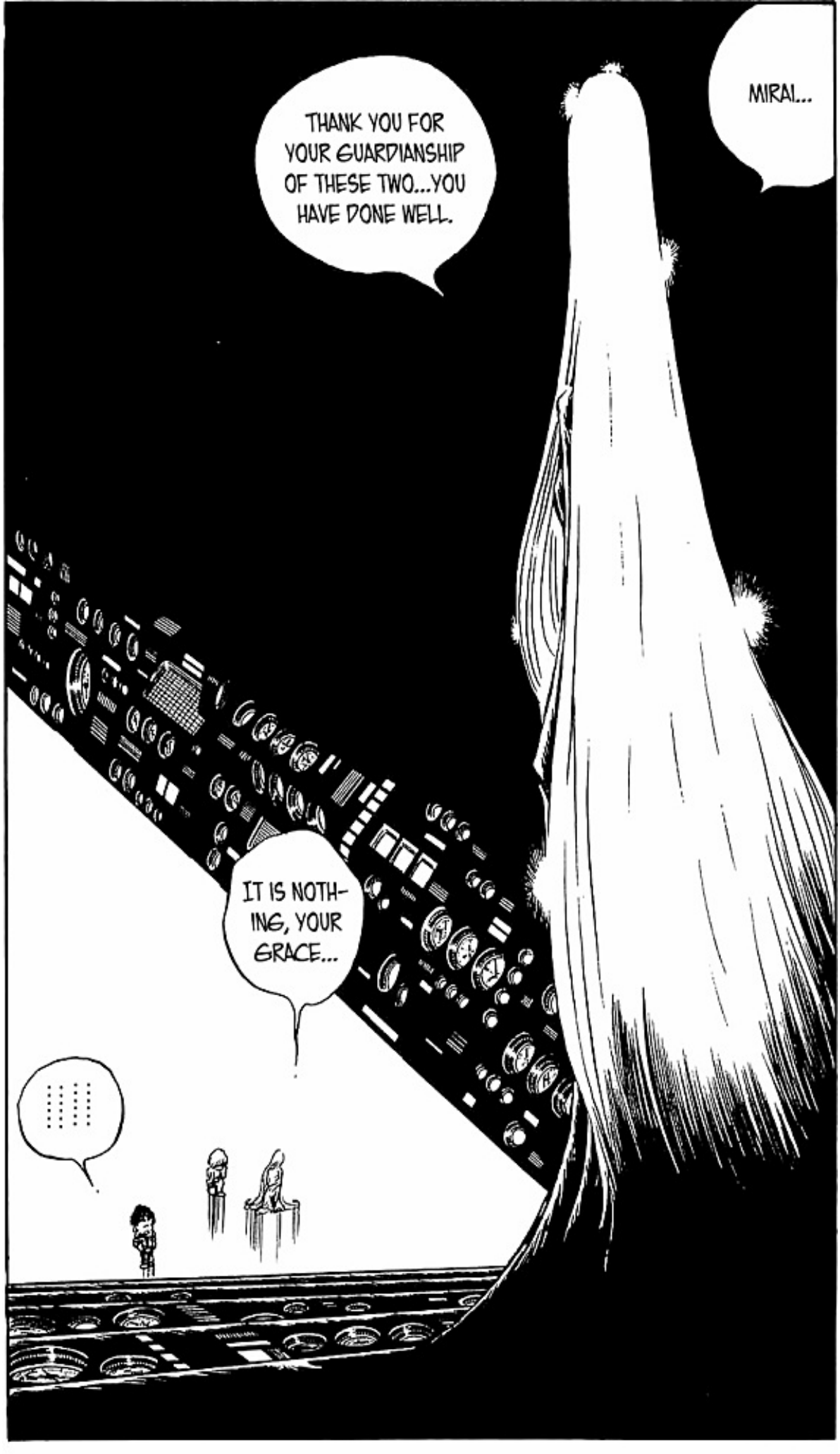
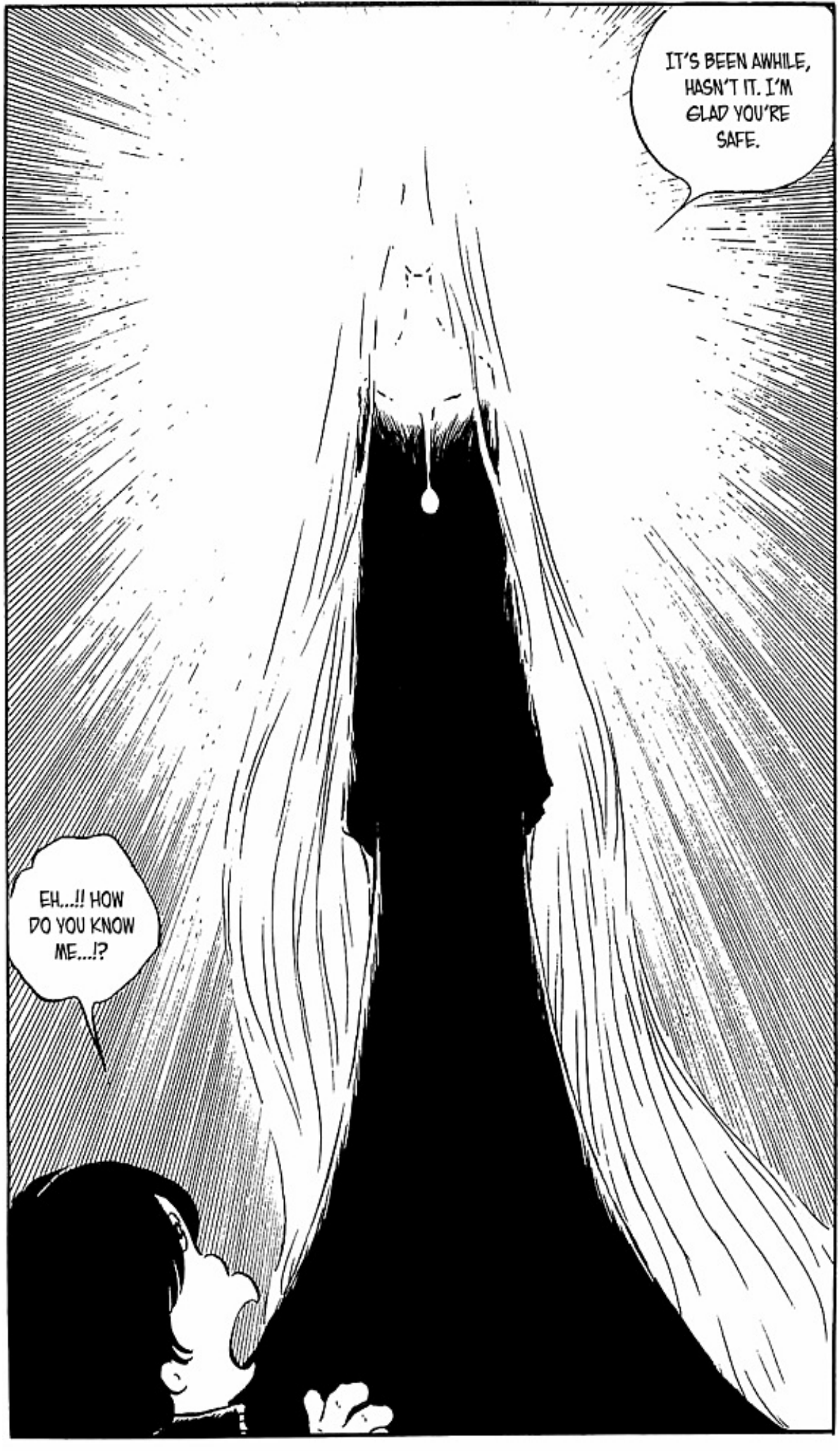
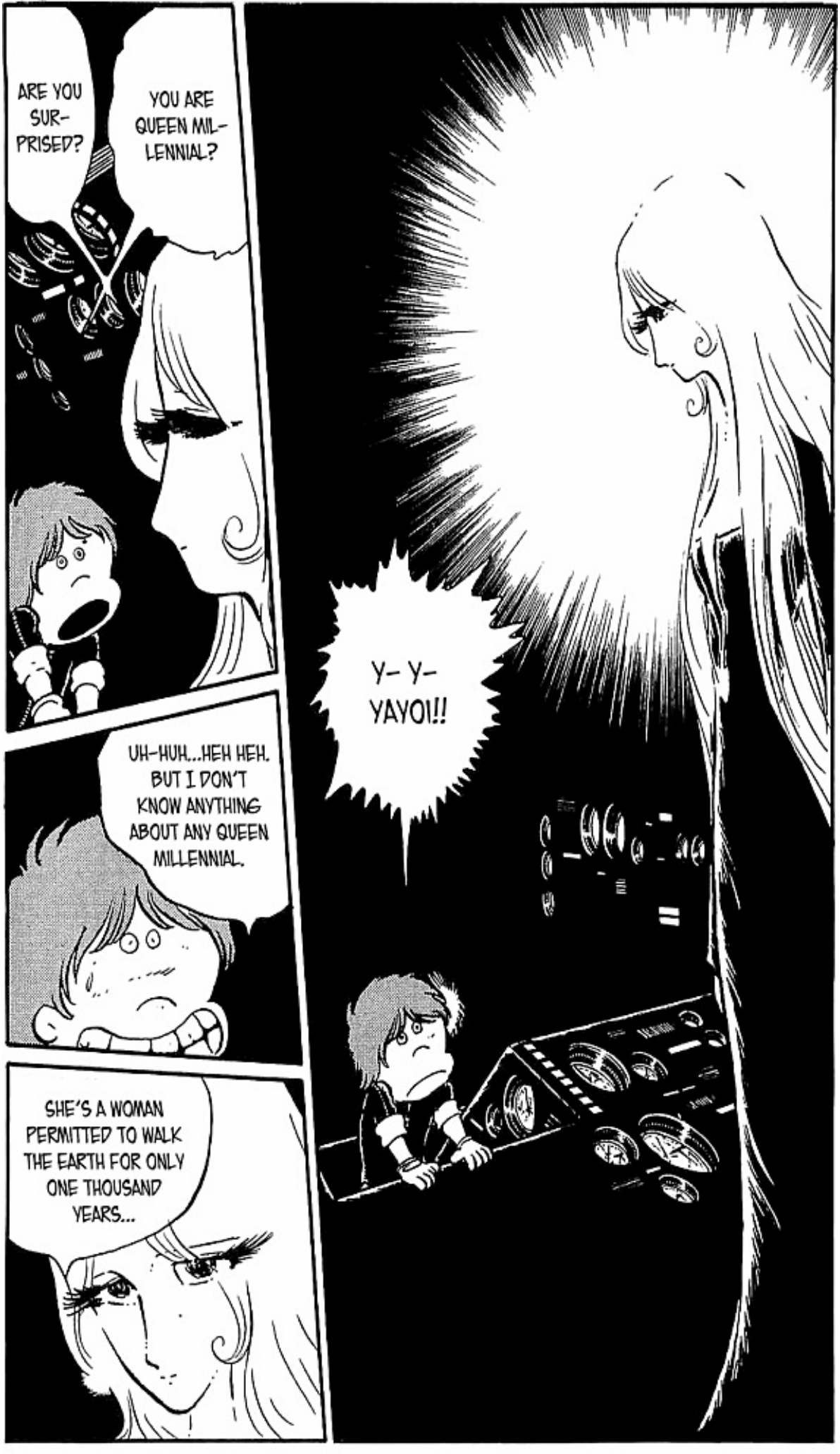
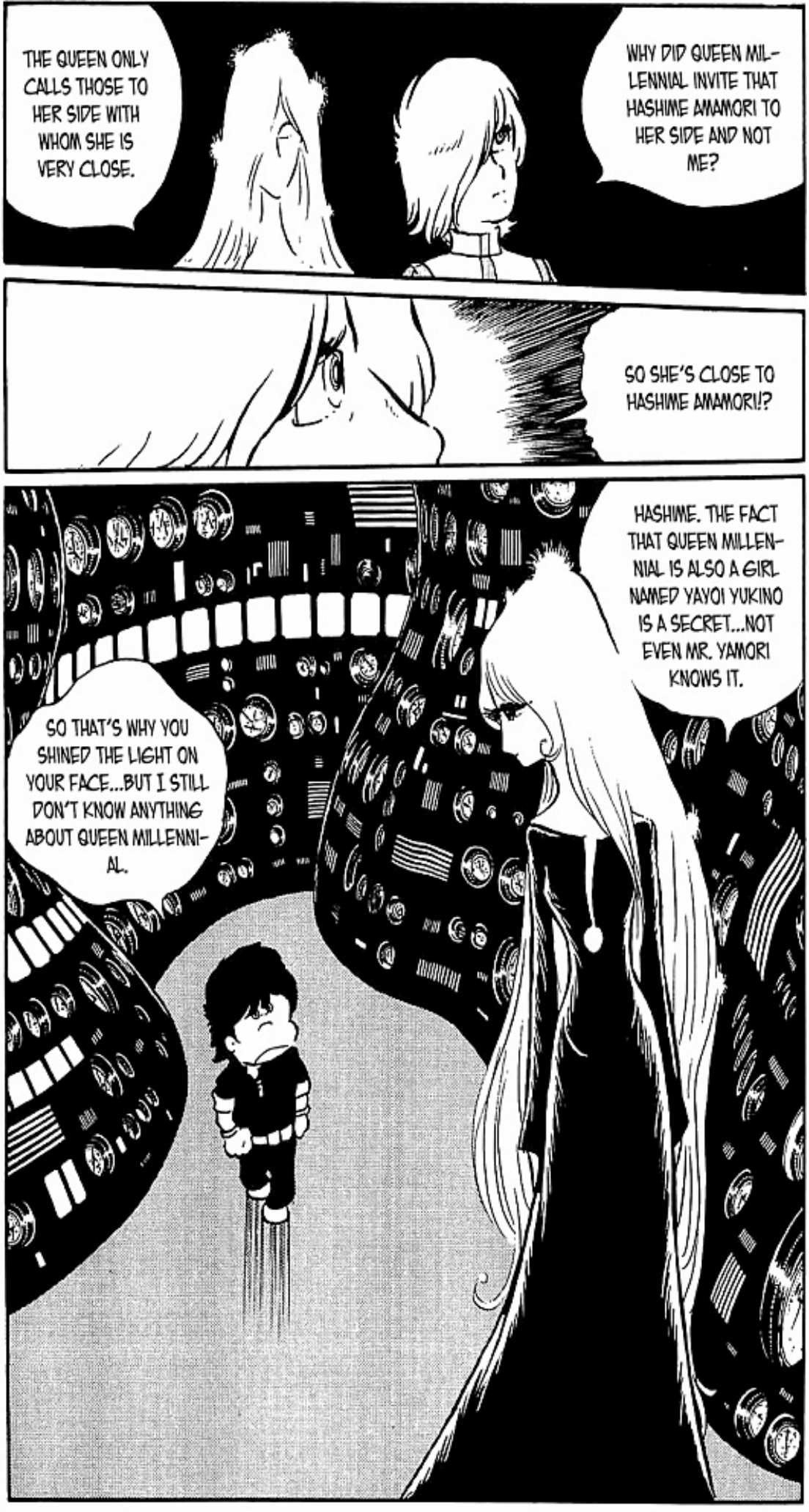
QUEEN MILLENNIAL!?

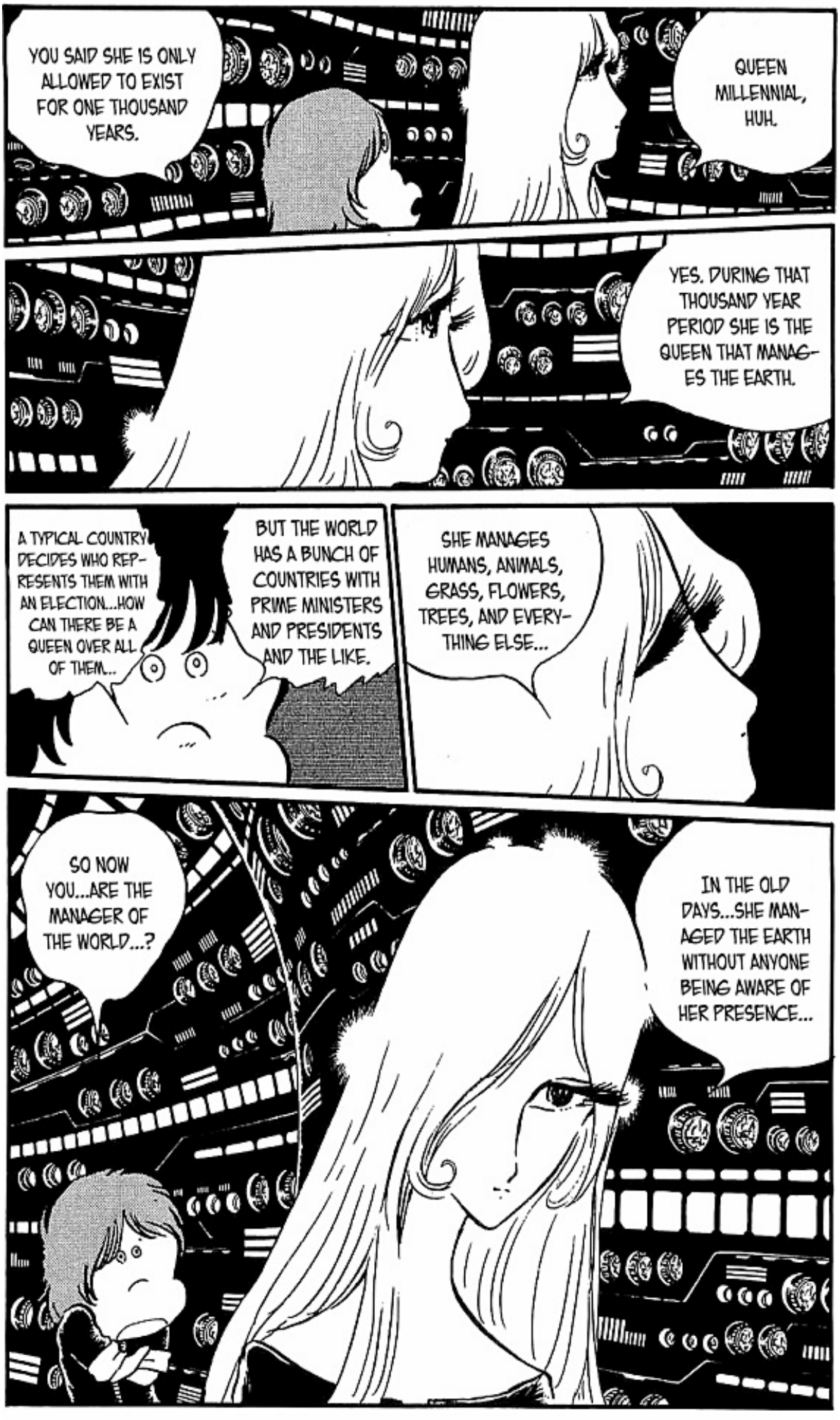

MIRAI...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUARDIANSHIP OF THESE TWO...YOU HAVE DONE WELL.
IT IS NOTH-ING, YOUR GRACE...
.....

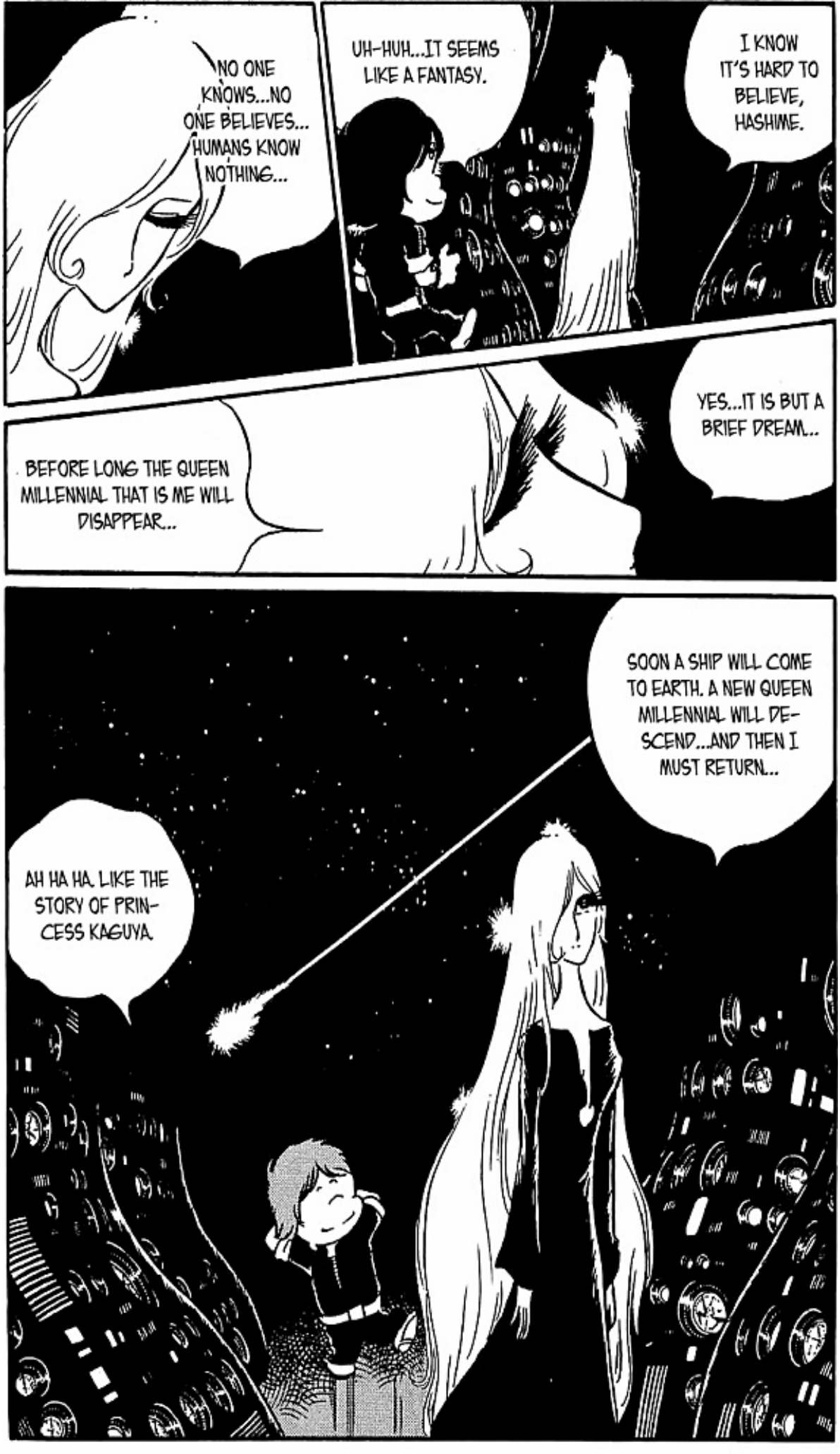
Y- YOU WANT ME?
HASHIME AMAMORI! APPROACH, PLEASE.
EH!!
FEW HAVE THE CHANCE TO BE NEAR THE QUEEN. GO AT ONCE.
I CAN'T SEE HER FACE VERY WELL DUE TO THE LIGHT.
PLEASE. APPROACH, HASHIME.

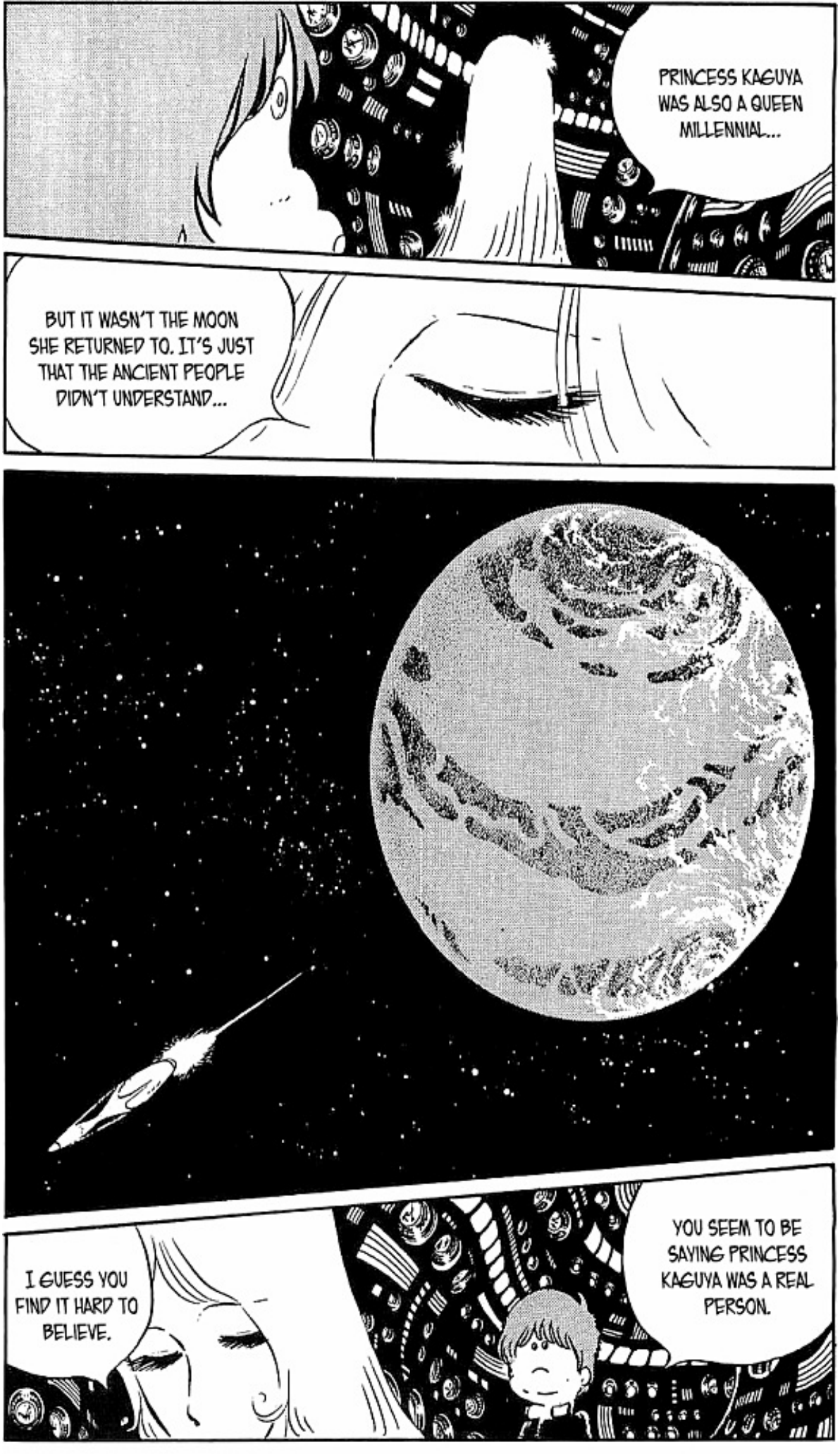

IT'S BEEN AWHILE, HASN'T IT. I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE.
EH...!! HOW DO YOU KNOW ME...!?

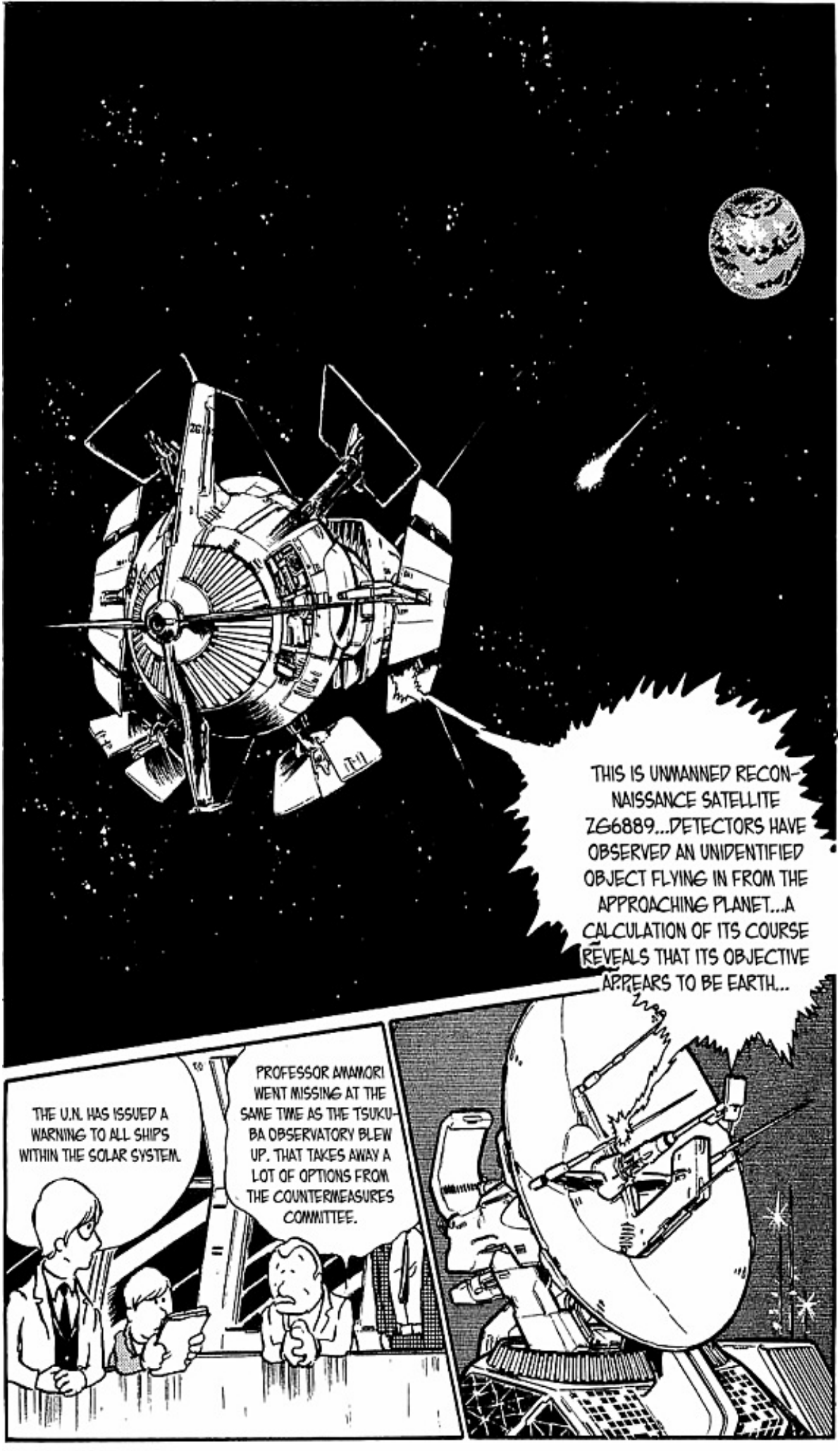

ARE YOU SUR-PRISED?
YOU ARE QUEEN MIL-LENNIAL?
Y- Y- YAYOI!!
UH-HUH...HEH HEH. BUT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY QUEEN MILLENNIAL.
SHE'S A WOMAN PERMITTED TO WALK THE EARTH FOR ONLY ONE THOUSAND YEARS...

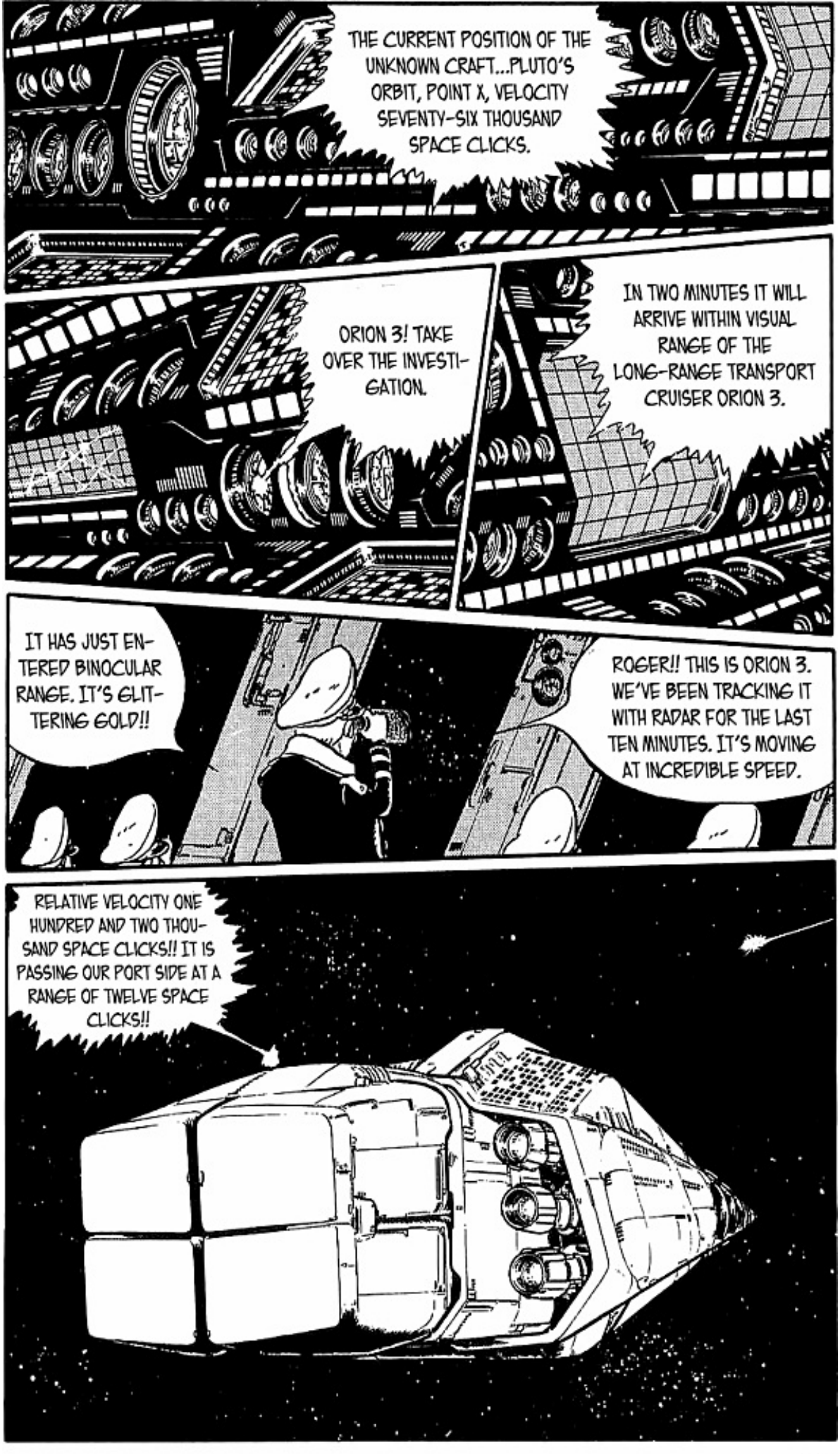

THE QUEEN ONLY CALLS THOSE TO HER SIDE WITH WHOM SHE IS VERY CLOSE.
WHY DID QUEEN MILLENNIAL INVITE THAT HASHIME AMAMORI TO HER SIDE AND NOT ME?
SO SHE'S CLOSE TO HASHIME AMAMORI!?
HASHIME. THE FACT THAT QUEEN MILLENNIAL IS ALSO A GIRL NAMED YAYOI YUKINO IS A SECRET...NOT EVEN MR. YAMORI KNOWS IT.
SO THAT'S WHY YOU SHINED THE LIGHT ON YOUR FACE...BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT QUEEN MILLENNIAL.

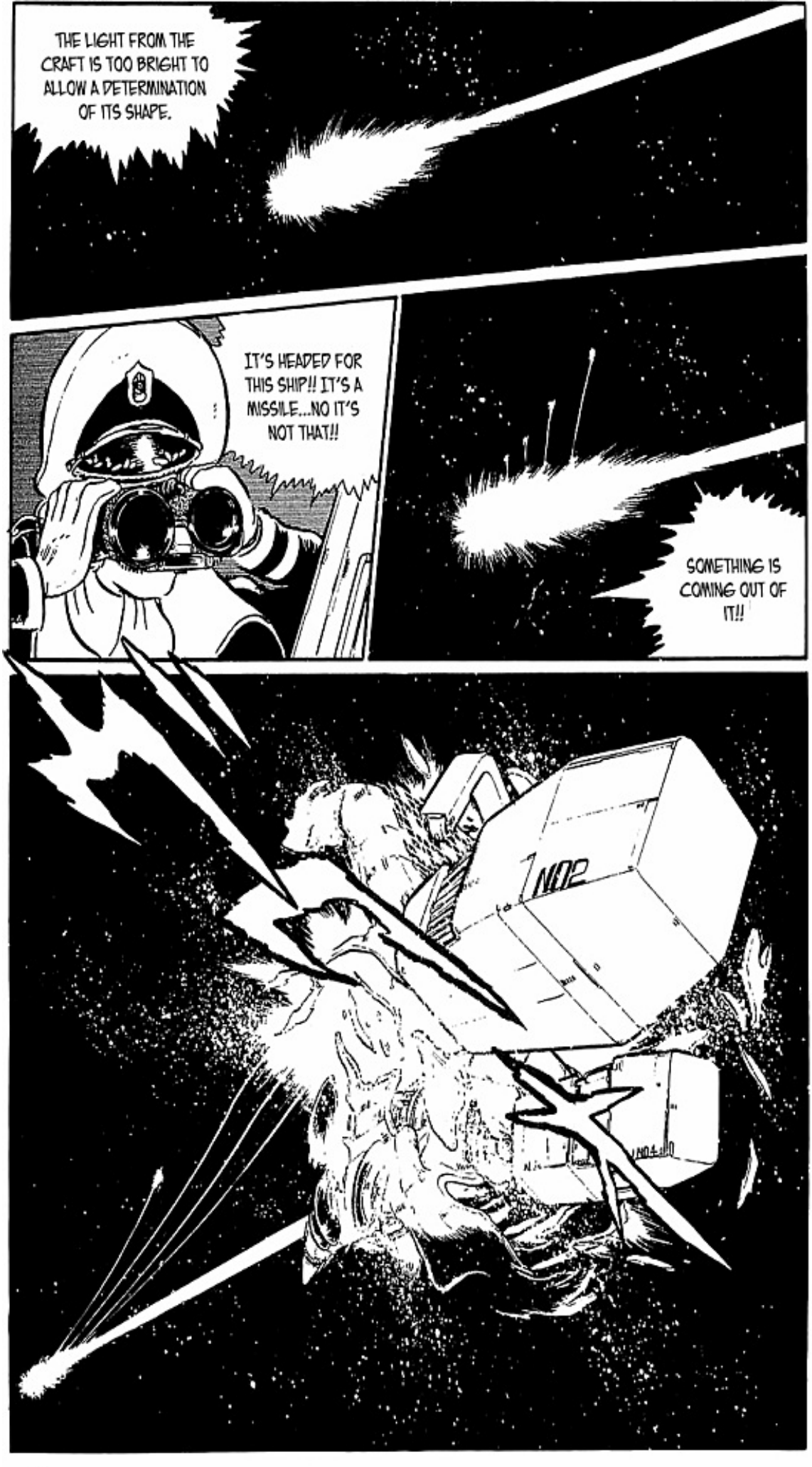

YOU SAID SHE IS ONLY ALLOWED TO EXIST FOR ONE THOUSAND YEARS.
QUEEN MILLENNIAL, HUH.
YES. DURING THAT THOUSAND YEAR PERIOD SHE IS THE QUEEN THAT MANAGES THE EARTH.
A TYPICAL COUNTRY DECIDES WHO REPRESENTS THEM WITH AN ELECTION...HOW CAN THERE BE A QUEEN OVER ALL OF THEM...
BUT THE WORLD HAS A BUNCH OF COUNTRIES WITH PRIME MINISTERS AND PRESIDENTS AND THE LIKE.
SHE MANAGES HUMANS, ANIMALS, GRASS, FLOWERS, TREES, AND EVERYTHING ELSE...
SO NOW YOU...ARE THE MANAGER OF THE WORLD...?
IN THE OLD DAYS...SHE MANAGED THE EARTH WITHOUT ANYONE BEING AWARE OF HER PRESENCE...


NO ONE KNOWS...NO ONE BELIEVES... HUMANS KNOW NOTHING...
UH-HUH...IT SEEMS LIKE A FANTASY.
I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, HASHIME.
YES...IT IS BUT A BRIEF DREAM...
BEFORE LONG THE QUEEN MILLENNIAL THAT IS ME WILL DISAPPEAR...
SOON A SHIP WILL COME TO EARTH. A NEW QUEEN MILLENNIAL WILL DE-SCEND...AND THEN I MUST RETURN...
AH HA HA. LIKE THE STORY OF PRIN-CESS KAGUYA.

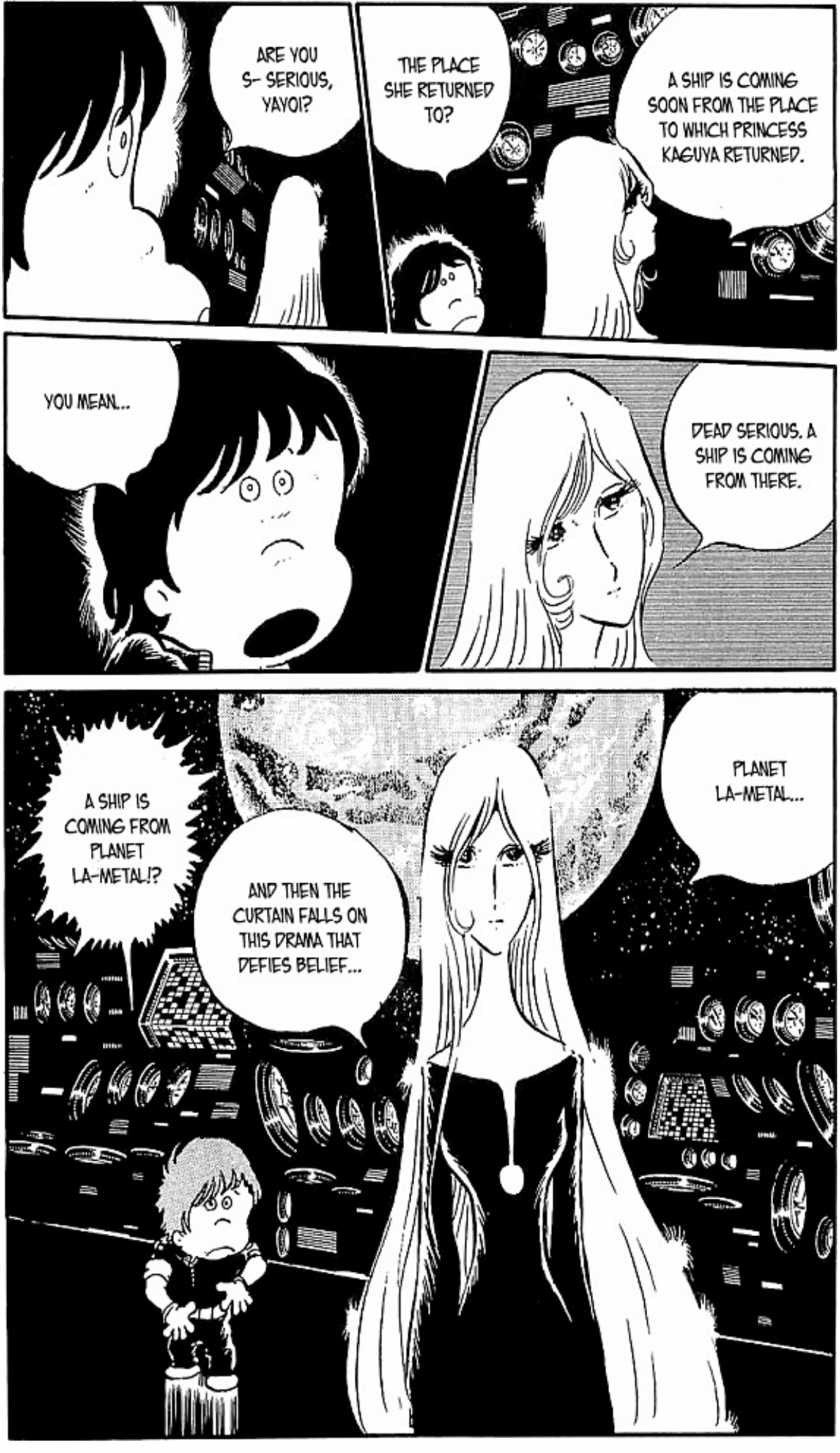

PRINCESS KAGUYA WAS ALSO A QUEEN MILLENNIAL...
BUT IT WASN'T THE MOON SHE RETURNED TO. IT'S JUST THAT THE ANCIENT PEOPLE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND...
YOU SEEM TO BE SAYING PRINCESS KAGUYA WAS A REAL PERSON.
I GUESS YOU FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE.

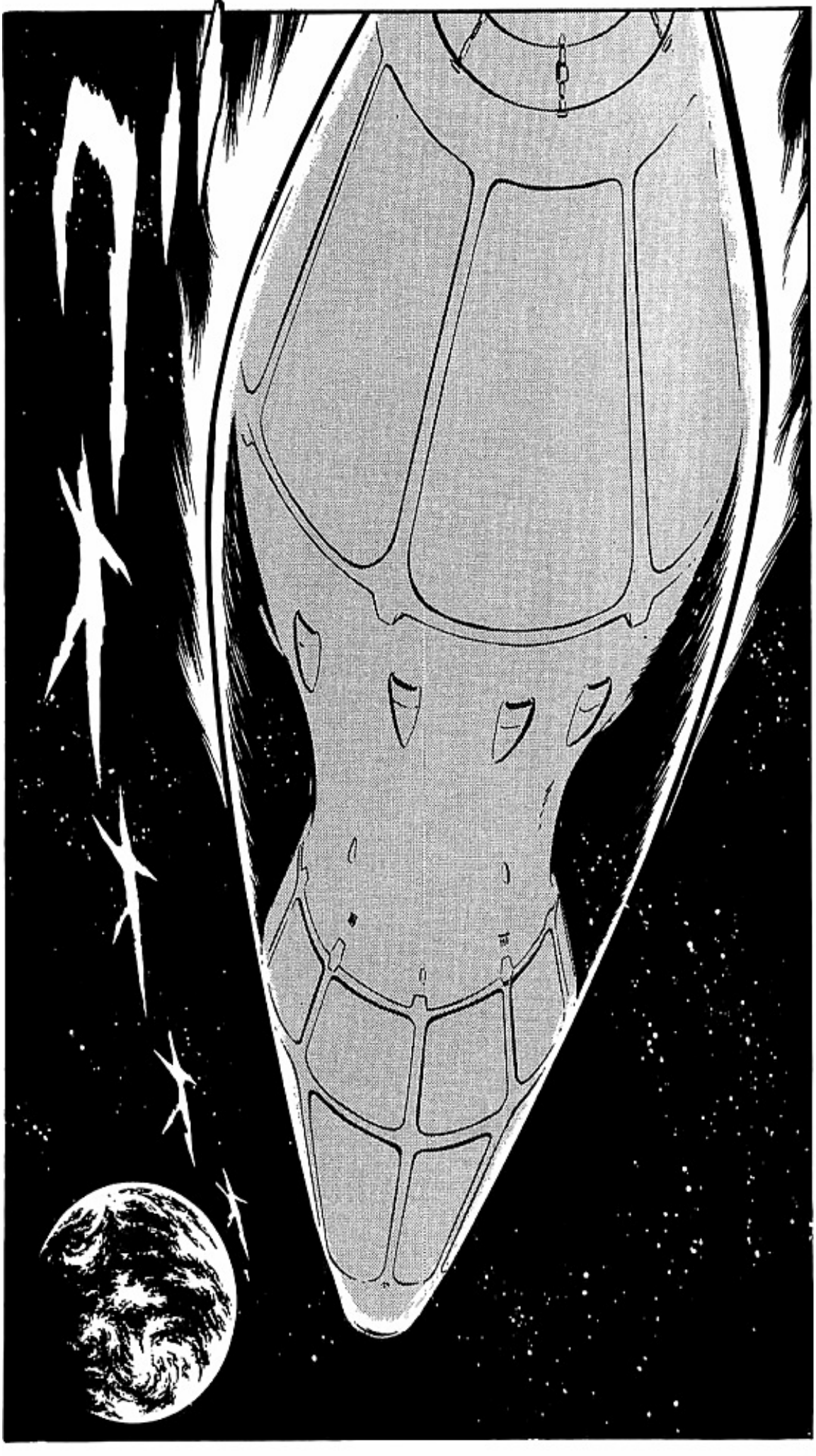

THIS IS UNMANNED RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITE ZG6889...DETECTORS HAVE OBSERVED AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT FLYING IN FROM THE APPROACHING PLANET...A CALCULATION OF ITS COURSE REVEALS THAT ITS OBJECTIVE APPEARS TO BE EARTH...
PROFESSOR AMAMORI WENT MISSING AT THE SAME TIME AS THE TSUKUBA OBSERVATORY BLEW UP. THAT TAKES AWAY A LOT OF OPTIONS FROM THE COUNTERMEASURES COMMITTEE.
THE U.N. HAS ISSUED A WARNING TO ALL SHIPS WITHIN THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

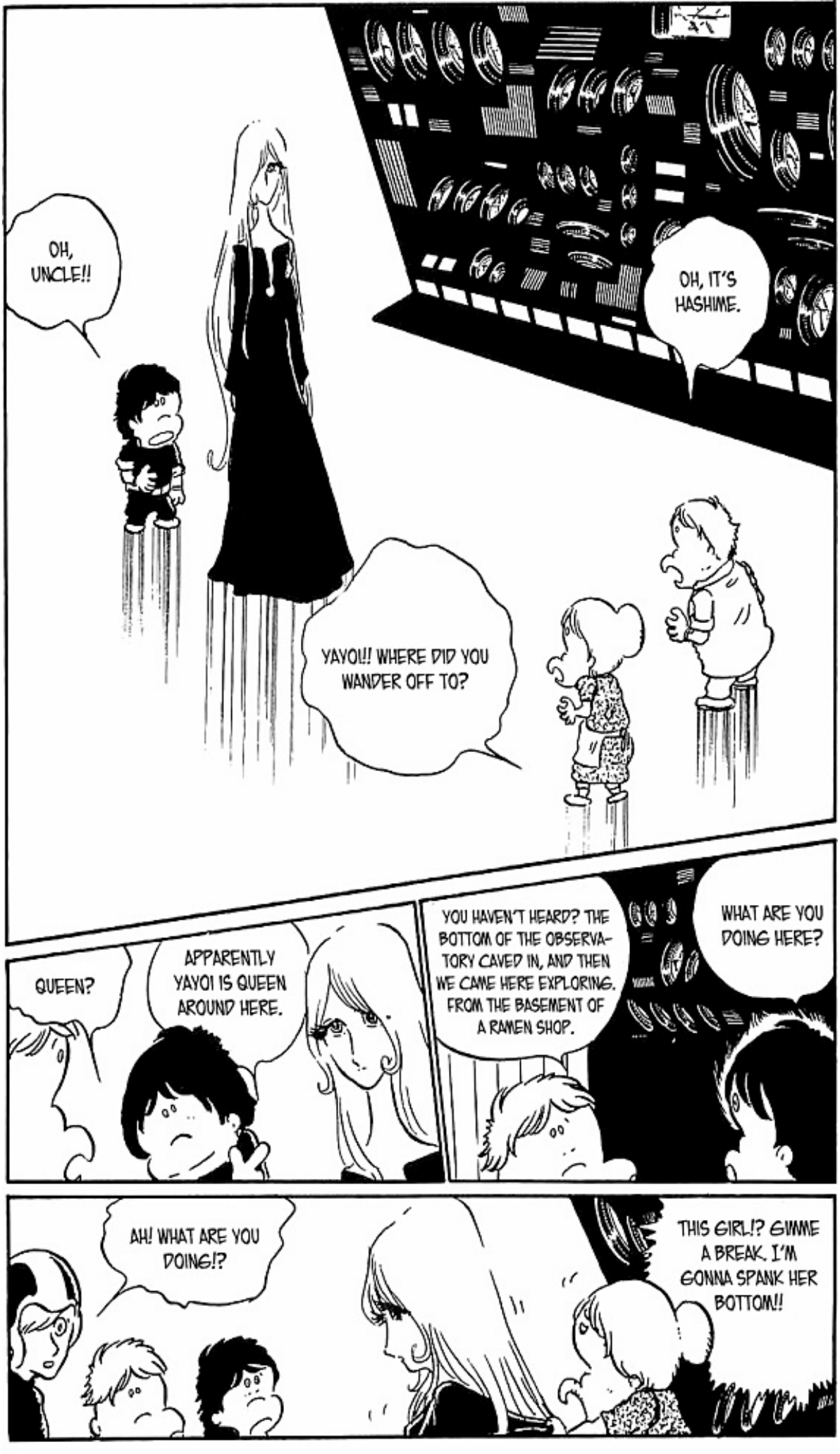

THE CURRENT POSITION OF THE UNKNOWN CRAFT...PLUTO'S ORBIT, POINT X, VELOCITY SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND SPACE CLICKS.
ORION 3! TAKE OVER THE INVESTIGATION.
IN TWO MINUTES IT WILL ARRIVE WITHIN VISUAL RANGE OF THE LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT CRUISER ORION 3.
IT HAS JUST ENTERED BINOCULAR RANGE. IT'S GLITTERING GOLD!!
ROGER!! THIS IS ORION 3. WE'VE BEEN TRACKING IT WITH RADAR FOR THE LAST TEN MINUTES. IT'S MOVING AT INCREDIBLE SPEED.
RELATIVE VELOCITY ONE HUNDRED AND TWO THOUSAND SPACE CLICKS!! IT IS PASSING OUR PORT SIDE AT A RANGE OF TWELVE SPACE CLICKS!!


THE LIGHT FROM THE CRAFT IS TOO BRIGHT TO ALLOW A DETERMINATION OF ITS SHAPE.
IT'S HEADED FOR THIS SHIP!! IT'S A MISSILE...NO IT'S NOT THAT!!
SOMETHING IS COMING OUT OF IT!!
NO2

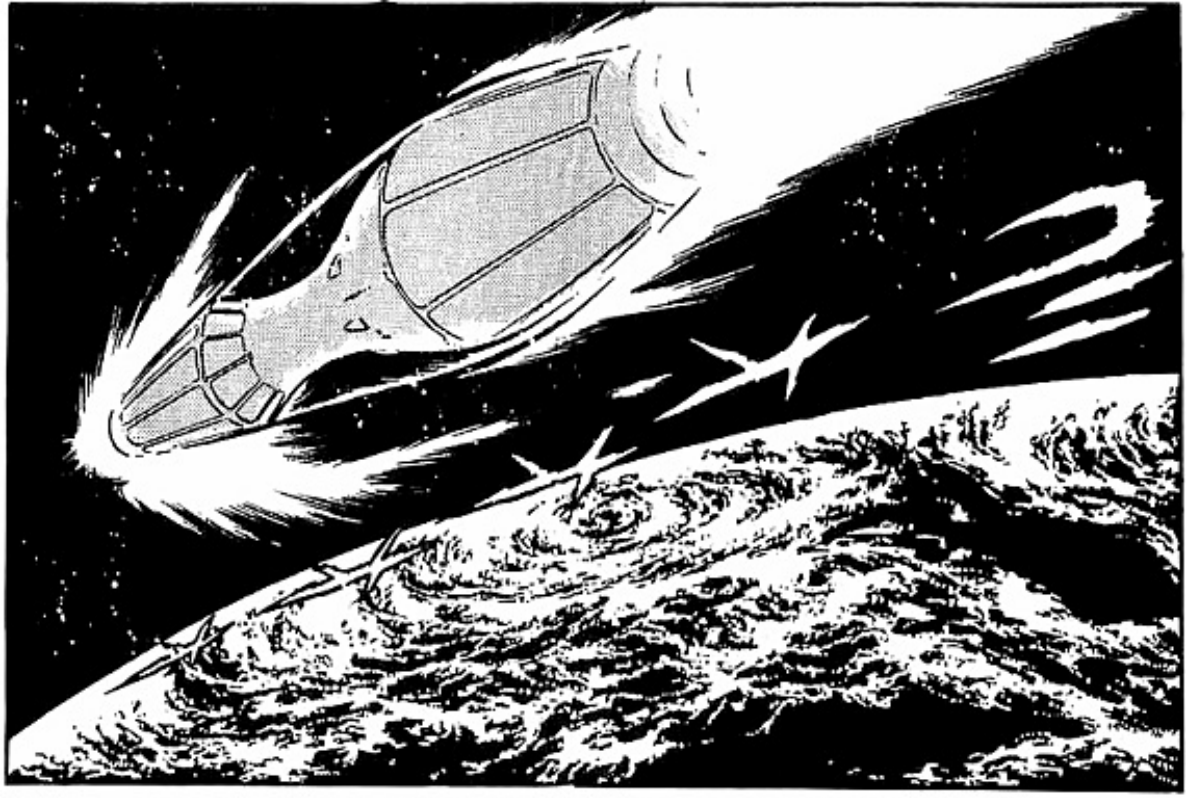
THE SIGNAL FROM ORION 3 STOPPED. IT SEEMS LIKE THERE WAS TROUBLE!!
MAYBE IT WAS A MALFUNCTION. TRY A DIFFERENT EMERGENCY CHANNEL.
NO. ORION 3 HAS CEASED ALL TRANS-MISSIONS.
OF ALL TIMES FOR THE PROFESSOR TO GO MISSING! WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE? IT'S IRRESPONSIBLE!!
WE KNOW HE WENT TO A RAMEN SHOP IN TOKYO...

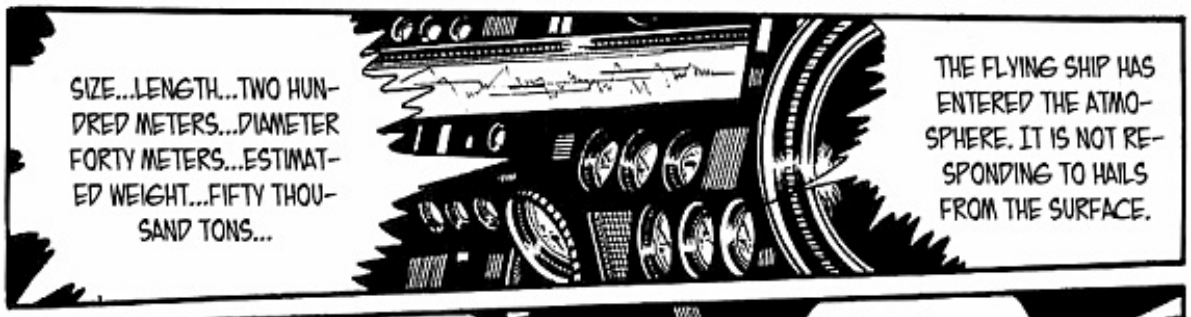

ARE YOU S- SERIOUS, YAYOI?
THE PLACE SHE RETURNED TO?
A SHIP IS COMING SOON FROM THE PLACE TO WHICH PRINCESS KAGUYA RETURNED.
YOU MEAN...
DEAD SERIOUS. A SHIP IS COMING FROM THERE.
A SHIP IS COMING FROM PLANET LA-METAL!?
AND THEN THE CURTAIN FALLS ON THIS DRAMA THAT DEFIES BELIEF...
PLANET LA-METAL...

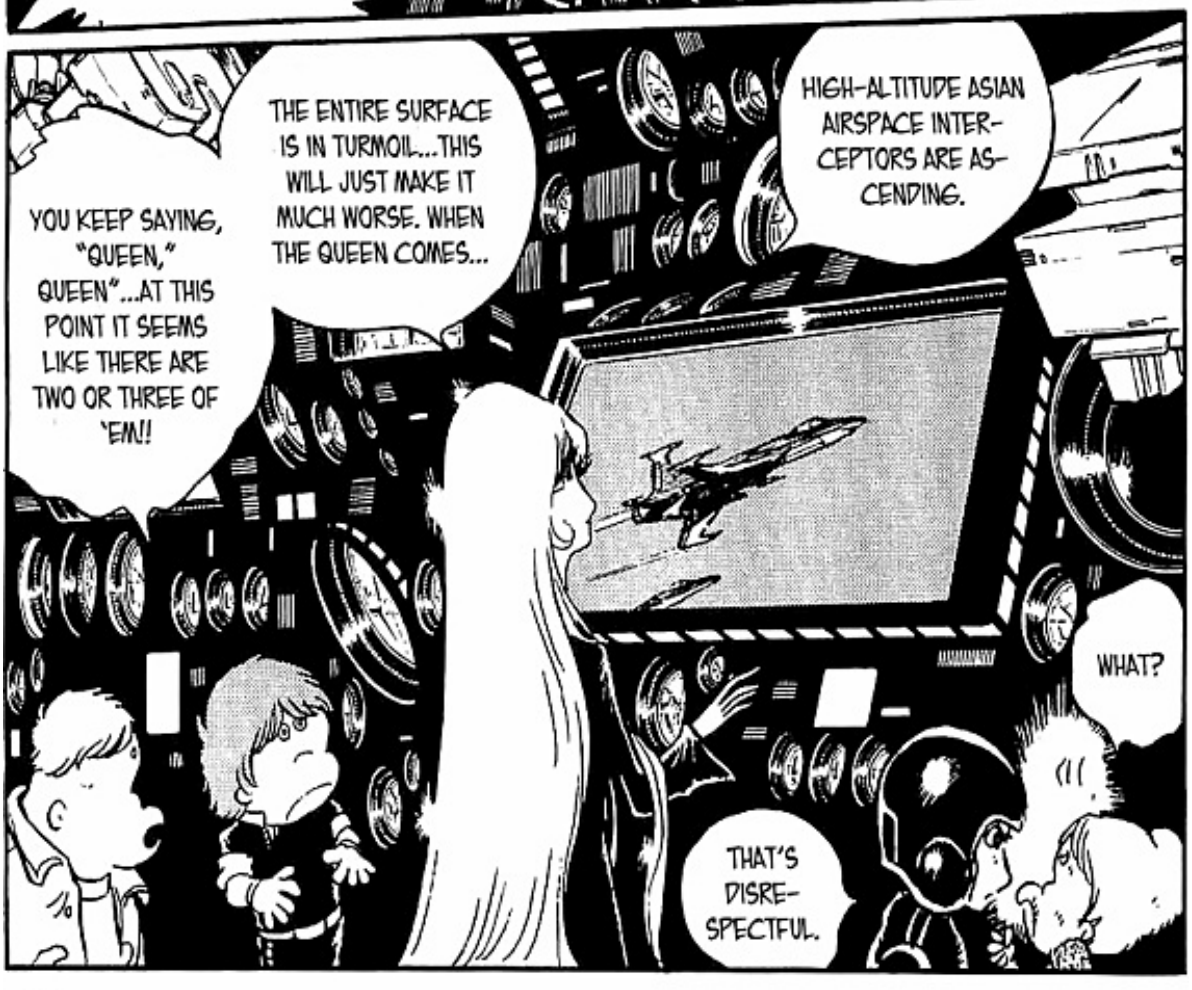


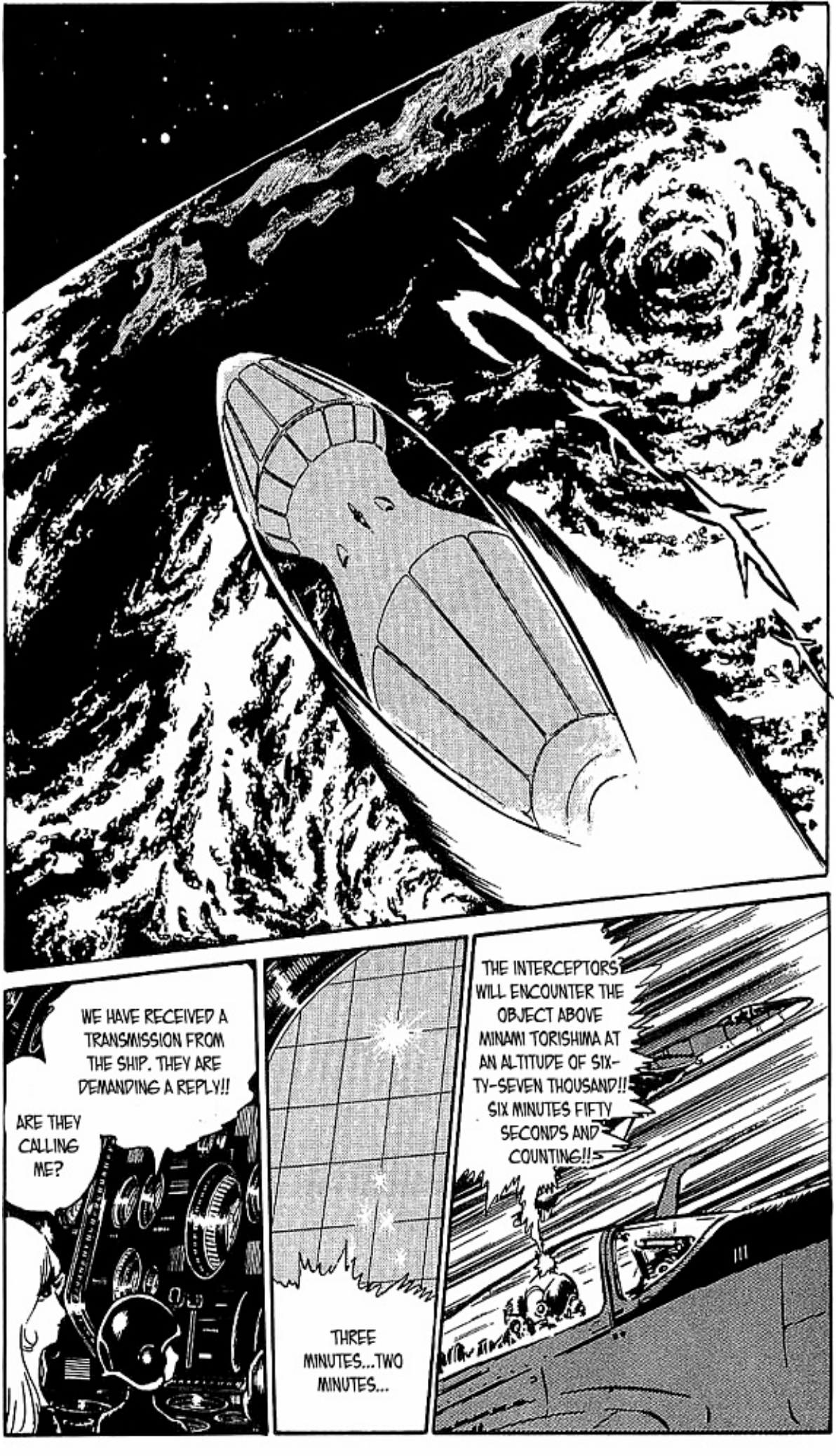

OH, UNCLE!!
OH, IT'S HASHIME.
YAYOI!! WHERE DID YOU WANDER OFF TO?
QUEEN?
APPARENTLY YAYOI IS QUEEN AROUND HERE.
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD? THE BOTTOM OF THE OBSERVATORY CAVED IN, AND THEN WE CAME HERE EXPLORING. FROM THE BASEMENT OF A RAMEN SHOP.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
AH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
THIS GIRL!? GIMME A BREAK. I'M GONNA SPANK HER BOTTOM!!

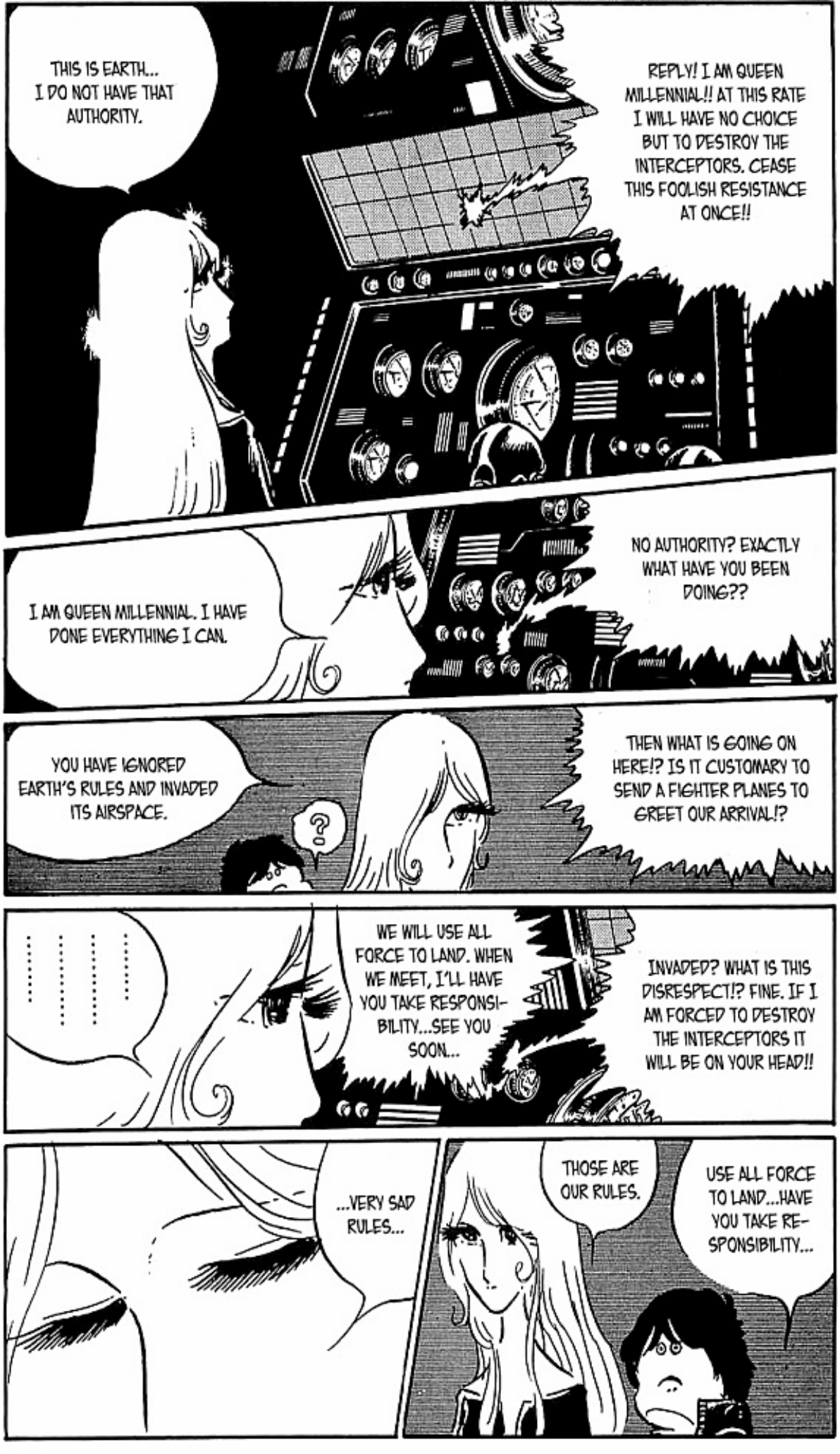
THERE, SEE? WHAT'S THIS NONSENSE ABOUT YAYOI BEING QUEEN? MY DAUGHTER IS RIGHT HERE.
QUEEN MILLENNIAL ARRIVES IN THIRTY-EIGHT HOURS AND THIRTY-EIGHT SECONDS.
VERY SOON A LARGE SPACESHIP WILL ENTER EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE.
WHAT DID HE MEAN BY SAYING THE QUEEN IS ARRIVING? WHERE?
I AM QUEEN MILLENNIAL...
BUT, YAYOI...JUST NOW YOU SAID YOU WERE QUEEN MILLENNIAL. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
IT WILL HOVER ABOVE THE THOUSAND-METER TOWER IN TSUKUBA. THE ONE BUILT IN 1985...
WHERE WILL IT LAND?



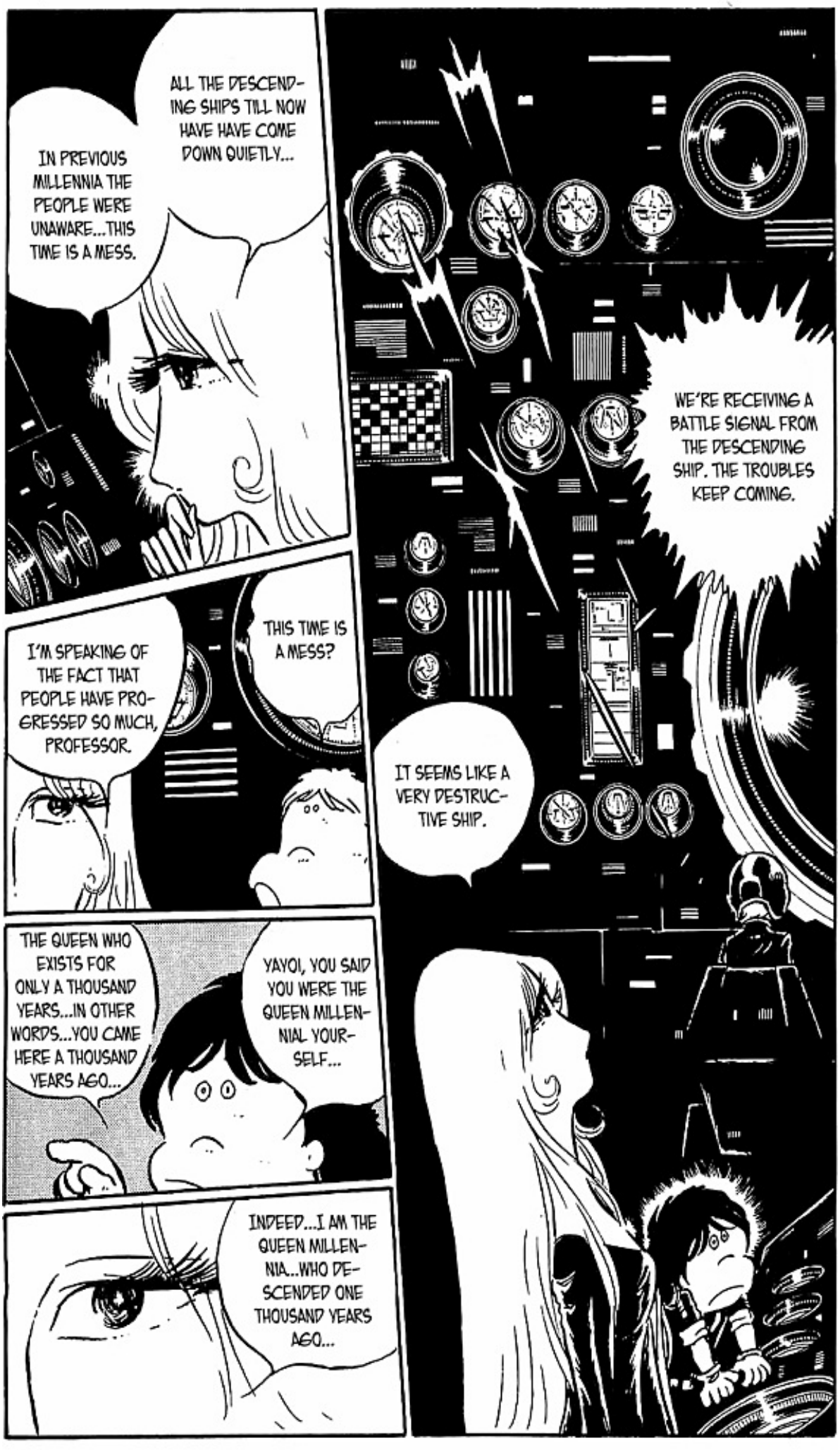

SIZE...LENGTH...TWO HUNDRED METERS...DIAMETER FORTY METERS...ESTIMATED WEIGHT...FIFTY THOUSAND TONS...
THE FLYING SHIP HAS ENTERED THE ATMOSPHERE. IT IS NOT RESPONDING TO HAILS FROM THE SURFACE.


YOU KEEP SAYING, "QUEEN," QUEEN"...AT THIS POINT IT SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE TWO OR THREE OF 'EM!!
THE ENTIRE SURFACE IS IN TURMOIL...THIS WILL JUST MAKE IT MUCH WORSE. WHEN THE QUEEN COMES...
HIGH-ALTITUDE ASIAN AIRSPACE INTERCEPTORS ARE ASCENDING.
WHAT?
THAT'S DISRESPECTFUL.


WE HAVE RECEIVED A TRANSMISSION FROM THE SHIP. THEY ARE DEMANDING A REPLY!!
ARE THEY CALLING ME?
THREE MINUTES...TWO MINUTES...
THE INTERCEPTORS WILL ENCOUNTER THE OBJECT ABOVE MINAMI TORISHIMA AT AN ALTITUDE OF SIX-TY-SEVEN THOUSAND!! SIX MINUTES FIFTY SECONDS AND COUNTING!!


THIS IS EARTH... I DO NOT HAVE THAT AUTHORITY.
REPLY! I AM QUEEN MILLENNIAL!! AT THIS RATE I WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DESTROY THE INTERCEPTORS. CEASE THIS FOOLISH RESISTANCE AT ONCE!!
I AM QUEEN MILLENNIAL. I HAVE DONE EVERYTHING I CAN.
NO AUTHORITY? EXACTLY WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING??
YOU HAVE IGNORED EARTH'S RULES AND INVADED ITS AIRSPACE.
?
THEN WHAT IS GOING ON HERE!? IS IT CUSTOMARY TO SEND A FIGHTER PLANES TO GREET OUR ARRIVAL!?
.....
WE WILL USE ALL FORCE TO LAND. WHEN WE MEET, I'LL HAVE YOU TAKE RESPONSIBILITY...SEE YOU SOON...
INVADED? WHAT IS THIS DISRESPECT!? FINE. IF I AM FORCED TO DESTROY THE INTERCEPTORS IT WILL BE ON YOUR HEAD!!
...VERY SAD RULES...
THOSE ARE OUR RULES.
USE ALL FORCE TO LAND...HAVE YOU TAKE RESPONSIBILITY...

BREAK FORMATION! WE'LL ATTACK BOTH FLANKS AND DESTROY IT IN THE STRATOSPHERE!!
ROGER!!


ALL THE DESCENDING SHIPS TILL NOW HAVE HAVE COME DOWN QUIETLY...
IN PREVIOUS MILLENNIA THE PEOPLE WERE UNAWARE...THIS TIME IS A MESS.
WE'RE RECEIVING A BATTLE SIGNAL FROM THE DESCENDING SHIP. THE TROUBLES KEEP COMING.
THIS TIME IS A MESS?
I'M SPEAKING OF THE FACT THAT PEOPLE HAVE PROGRESSED SO MUCH, PROFESSOR.
IT SEEMS LIKE A VERY DESTRUCTIVE SHIP.
YAYOI, YOU SAID YOU WERE THE QUEEN MILLENNIAL YOURSELF...
THE QUEEN WHO EXISTS FOR ONLY A THOUSAND YEARS...IN OTHER WORDS...YOU CAME HERE A THOUSAND YEARS AGO...
INDEED...I AM THE QUEEN MILLENNIA...WHO DESCENDED ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO...

THERE!! WE'VE SEALED OFF THE SHIP. GOOD WORK!!